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Arizona Game and Fish Department's In-Lieu Fee Restoration Program

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ABSTRACT:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department in collaboration with the Army Corps of Engineers is implementing an In-lieu Fee Wetland Restoration Program. This program is designed to offset injures to jurisdictional waters across Arizona. We are designing and implementing a management and monitoring wetland restoration program using an adaptive management framework to create, enhance and protect wetland systems throughout Arizona in perpetuity. As of April 2008, the Corps of Engineers, together with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), issued new national regulations ("Mitigation Rule") governing compensatory mitigation for activities, authorized by permits issued by the Department of the Army under Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) parts 325 and 332. The new Regional Compensatory Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines provide direction in selecting appropriate compensatory mitigation sites and in preparing mitigation plans to compensate for unavoidable impacts to waters of the United States. Herein, we describe the state of Arizona's restoration activities implemented through our In-lieu Fee Wetland Restoration Program.

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